

BLACK *Magic*



Black Magic Chapter Two: **BOOBY TRAP**

BATTLE FIELD: Part Four

OUTSIDE SYNOPSIS CITY



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ALIAS THE BOSS OF TOWN
ON LAI JANGTE STREET

















THAT'S ONE CLEVER
BOYNOT HOLDING UP
IN THE
INTERSTELLAR
IMMIGRATION
BUILDING
LIKE
THAT...

YEAH,
NO
SHIT.

CAPTAIN!
AND SAYS
MORE THAN
HALF THE
EMERGENCYES
ARE STILL
IN THE
BUILDING.

TELL
CAPTAIN
TO LOWER
THE
FIREWALLS.

THE 11
FIGHT EVEN
GOING TO
ADVISE A
FIREWALL.

I JUST
WANT TO
LOCATE THE
BATT. WE
HAVE NO
SOLUTION
OF TRYING
TO TRAP
IT.

PLUS, IT'S
HELPING
THE
EMERGENCYES
FROM
CONTACT AND
CONTACT
WITH THE
BATT.

FIRE -
WALL'S
CLOSED,
CAPTAIN.

GOOD.

IT'S ON
THE THIRD
FLOOR NOW,
BREAKING
THROUGH
THE FIRE -
WALL IN THE
CEILING -
WALL.



* DELTA ONE—A FORTRESS'S INFILTRATION COMBAT UNIT COMPOSED OF ONE ASSAULT TEAM AND ONE RECON TEAM





























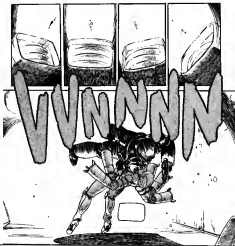


"FIRE A HIGH-EXPLOSIVE ARMOR-PIERCING SHOT DETONATED BY A DELAYED-COMMECT FUSE."





















BIG CITY TRAP



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APPENDIX A

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Black Magic premiered in February 1985 in a small magazine published by the Hugo Research Group. Also, *Black Magic's* rather old-fashioned pulp style makes me a little embarrassed to see it returned now. Nonetheless, I'd like to take a new look at the *Black Magic* 66 combat unit.

FIRST,
THE
STRUCTURE!
pink girls



THE MUSCLES OF THE SKULL AREN'T PULL AGAINST EACH ANOTHER AT A CONSTANT LEVEL OF FORCE.

JUST AS COORDINATED MUSCLES IN THE HANDS DO IN THE WRIST MOVEMENT.

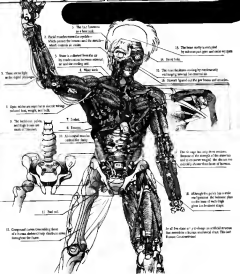
THE SKELETON KEEPS THE EXTREMITY.

THIS MOTOR, CONNECTED TO A CHAIN, RELAYS ITS MESSAGE TO DIRECT THEIR ACTION.

IT'S NOT JUST A STRAP, BUT A STRAP WITH A MOTOR.

THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF STRESS IS APPLIED TO THE SKELETON AND FLEXIBILITY IS MAINTAINED.

100%





Millennia ago, human life existed only on Neos, ruled by a council of supercomputer Neomats, which governed an elite "Executor" class of biooids to defend the Vespene Federation. In time, the Executors dwindled, and their most successful comrade, Zeu, became the Federation's civilian ruler. Though further biooid progression was banned, Neomats secretly created a final Executor—Typhon—and raised her hidden among the civilians of Neos.

Now Typhon struggles toward realization of her true goals: deposing the tyrannical Zeu and discovering the increasingly unpredictable and dangerous Neomats. Typhon directly challenges Zeu with citywide deployment of M-66 combat robots—and Zeu responds in kind, unleashing his more advanced M-77 squad. But Typhon wins control of the M-77, leaving Zeu on the defensive as the battle moves through the city...

